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1 HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, It is appropriate for us to remember the many
3 sacrifices and contributions to the cause of freedom made by
4 the outstanding men and women who served in the Vietnam War;
5 and

6 WHEREAS, United States Army Specialist Charles Irby was
7 born on June 25, 1948 in Hillsboro; he was the son of the late
8 Mr. and Mrs. Marvin L. Irby and the brother of Rosemary
9 Fletcher, Marvin L. Irby Jr., and Larry Gene Irby; and

10 WHEREAS, Specialist Charles Irby was a lifelong resident of
11 Hillsboro and graduated from Hillsboro High School; he began
12 serving our nation in 1967; and

13 WHEREAS, Specialist Charles Irby was a member of the United
14 States Army for a year, serving in Company B, 3rd Battalion of
15 the 25th Infantry Division; and

16 WHEREAS, Specialist Charles Irby gave his life defending
17 America's freedom on January 15, 1968 after taking enemy small
18 arms fire; and

19 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois General Assembly wish
20 to dedicate Illinois Route 16 along School Street from South

1 Main Street to the corner of 22nd Street in Hillsboro, Illinois
2 as the Army SP4 Charles Irby Memorial Highway to honor the
3 sacrifice of Specialist Charles Irby and all Vietnam veterans;
4 and

5 WHEREAS, It is highly fitting that the Illinois General
6 Assembly pays honor and respect to the truly great individuals
7 who have served our country and, in doing so, have gone above
8 and beyond the call of duty to take part in truly heroic tasks;
9 therefore, be it

10 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
11 NINETY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, THE
12 SENATE CONCURRING HEREIN, that we designate Illinois Route 16
13 along School Street from South Main Street to the corner of
14 22nd Street in Hillsboro as the Army SP4 Charles Irby Memorial
15 Highway; and be it further

16 RESOLVED, That the Illinois Department of Transportation
17 is requested to erect at suitable locations, consistent with
18 State and federal regulations, appropriate plaques or signs
19 giving notice of the name of the Army SP4 Charles Irby Memorial
20 Highway; and be it further

21 RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution be
22 presented to the family of Charles Irby, the Secretary of the

1 Illinois Department of Transportation, the Montgomery County
2 Veterans Assistance Commission, and the City of Hillsboro.